

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

When an apparatus is turned on, one developer is positioned to a reading/writing position (Step #52) and a specific area of a cartridge memory is read (Step #54) to judge whether or not an improper detachment flag is set (Step #56). Unless the improper detachment flag is set (NO in Step #56), the improper detachment flag is set in the specific area of the cartridge memory (Step #60) after information on life saved in the cartridge memory is read and written in a main-body memory (Step #58).

(Fig. 6)